

# **JOCK GRAY MEMORIAL TROPHY – BEST TURNED OUT HORSE AND RIDER**

**AIM** – The Jock Gray Memorial Trophy is a long standing award for the best presented horse and rider at each rally throughout the year. The award encourages riders to care for their gear and ponies and be well turned out at every rally. Awards are given at the end of the year for the highest points for both Senior (secondary school) and Junior (primary school).

Gear does not necessarily need to be new or expensive but must comply with PCAV requirements and be oiled/cleaned and well looked after.

All riders are encouraged to line up and have their points taken before the first lesson commences.

If you would like your points taken it is your responsibility to find the person who is taking points for the day!!

A total of **18 points** are taken as follows –

## **HORSE AND PONY PRESENTATION**

**1 – CLEAN WASHED OR BRUSHED BODY** – In winter it is sometimes too cold to wash however every effort must be made to clean and brush your horse in order to present as best as possible given the weather conditions.

**2- CLEAN TAIL** – Easily washed in a bucket of water if the weather is too cold.

**3- CLEAN BRUSHED MANE**

**4- HOOVES PICKED OUT** – Very important to remove stones and mud prior to every ride.

**5 – HOOVES OILED OR BLACKED** – Hoof dressings are beneficial for overall hoof health to prevent cracks etc.

**6 - HOOVES TRIMMED OR SHOD**

## **CLEAN GEAR (NOT NECESSARILY NEW OR EXPENSIVE BUT MUST COMPLY WITH CURRENT PCAV RULES)**

**7- CLEAN SADDLE** – Wiped clean with a cloth and oiled if necessary.

**8 - CLEAN BRIDLE** – Clean and oiled.

**9 – CLEAN GIRTH** – Wash if necessary.

**10 – CLEAN MANSFIELD PONY CLUB SADDLE BLANKET.**

**11 – REINS STRAIGHT AND JOINED CORRECTLY**

**12 – CORRECT STIRRUPS**

**UNIFORM (REFER TO MPC WEBSITE FOR GUIDELINES)**

**13 – CLEAN JODPHURS** – Correct colour (White, beige, banana, or moleskins)

**14 – CLEAN POLISHED RIDING BOOTS**

**15- CORRECT MPC UNIFORM** – Either full winter or full summer must not be a combination of both. Refer to MPC website for information.

**16 – PONY CLUB BADGE** – Must be worn at every MPC rally with both summer and winter uniforms.

**17 – APPROVED HELMET** – Refer to current PCAV rules.

**18 – MEDICAL ARMBAND**

# THE STORY OF JOCK GRAY

In the late 1950's before Mansfield got busy, our streets were kept clear by two men (Mr Gray and Mr Russell) with drays pulled by draught horses.

It was more than a job for Jock, it was a way of life. He didn't have a car and at weekends he would go driving with his pony and jinker.

Jock loved children as well as ponies. Through this love and chats with many horsey parents, he called a public meeting in June 1957 and Mansfield Pony Club was born! Jock was our first President and held that position until ill health caused his retirement in 1967. He passed away in 1971.

He shared the same ideals with Miss Kay Irvine – Pony Club of Victoria's foundation member, that as long as gear was safe, all riders were equal; be they mounted fit for the Royal Show or on a shaggy farm horse.

He encouraged riders to care for their gear and ponies. To spur them on awards were presented for 'Best Turned Out' horse and rider for senior and junior members. Prizes donated by various people.

After his passing, he willed his beloved pony Flash to the Storer family in Tolmie. In turn the Storer family donated money for the purchase of our Jock Gray Memorial trophy, which is presented each year to this very day!

Points taken at each rally are totalled at the end of each year and presentations made to the winners of one of our special trophies named in Honour of a man who although his daughter didn't ride – made it his business that countless Mansfield youngsters would be given the chance to share his love of horses and ponies of all shapes, size and abilities. Jock's twin brother Sandy would play his accordion when music was needed for games like musical chairs. Pony Club performed a musical ride at the show several times and Sandy would keep the tempo with "Scotland the brave" etc.